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SUBJECT I EXPECTATION

OF ERP ACTS OF

TERRORISM IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE; SOME DETAILS~~ON STATUS AND BACKGROUND OF THE TUCUMAN ARMY SWEEP~~

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THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY

(ERP) PLANS TO ENGAGE IN SPECTACULAR ACTS OF TERRORISM IN
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.THE ERP INTENTION IS TO USE SMALL SIZE SQUADS
TO ENGAGE IN SENSATIONAL, HIGH-PROFILE TERRORIST ACTS AS A
MEANS TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM THE COUNTERINSURGENCY

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SWEEP BY THE ARMY IN THE PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN AND TO ATTEMPT
TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE ERP TERRORIST
CAPABILITY. [REDACTED] DOES NOT EXPECT THE ERP TO
ATTACK FIXED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, BUT RATHER TO CONCENTRATE
ON ACTS OF SABOTAGE, ASSASSINATIONS AND ABDUCTIONS. [REDACTED]

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COMMENTS

PREVIOUSLY

ANTICIPATED ERP TERRORIST OFFENSIVES WHICH NEVER MATERIALIZED.

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NONE THELESS, INFORMATION OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WOULD APPEAR TO GIVE ARMY ANALYSTS A MORE
SOLID BASIS UPON WHICH TO ASSESS ERP INTENTIONS. ALSO, WHILE
THERE IS FREQUENTLY A GREAT DEAL OF SLIPPAGE BETWEEN PLANS AND
THE ACTUAL EXECUTION OF PLANS, IT WOULD APPEAR LOGICAL FOR THE
ERP TO UNDERTAKE ACTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE RECENT
GOVERNMENT REPRESSION HAS NOT SEVERLY AFFECTED ERP CAPABILITY
TO ENGAGE IN TERRORISM.)

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[REDACTED] THE SPIRIT AND MORALE OF THE OFFICERS INVOLVED
REMAIN HIGH AND THAT THEY REMAIN HOPEFUL OF MODERATE SUCCESS
IN THE VENTURE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT RECENT INFORMATION
INDICATES THAT SOME ERP UNITS MAY HAVE LEFT THE AREA OF
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OPERATION. [REDACTED] THE ARMY HAS NOT YET INITIATED
COMBAT PATROLS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE THE GUERRILLAS WHO ARE
SUSPECTED OF BEING IN THE AREA, BUT THAT A NUMBER OF
RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT.

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3. [REDACTED] THE
DEVELOPMENTS LEADING TO THE ARMY'S INVOLVEMENT IN TUCUMAN
AND [REDACTED] THERE IS SOME RESENTMENT WITHIN SENIOR ARMY RANKS
OVER THE ARMY'S NEW, ACTIVE COUNTERGUERRILLA ROLE. [REDACTED]

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GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO GET THE ARMY INVOLVED
IN ACTIVE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO
COMPROMISE THE ARMY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THEREBY ELIMINATE
ANY CHANCES FOR A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT. THERE IS ALSO SOME
RESENTMENT OVER THE TACTICS BEING FOLLOWED IN THE TUCUMAN
OPERATION, HOWEVER, [REDACTED]
THAT THE MAJORITY OF HIGH-RANKING ARMY OFFICERS DO NOT

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AGREE THAT THE TUCUMAN COUNTERINSURGENCY SWEEP IS A TOTALLY NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND DO NOT SHARE THE BELIEF THAT THE ARMY WAS FORCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INTO THIS ACTION. WHILE THIS LATTER GROUP OF OFFICERS ADMITS THE EXISTENCE OF PRESSURE BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH INVOLVEMENT, THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE TUCUMAN OPERATION WAS ACCEPTED READILY BY MOST OFFICERS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACT TO THE ERP ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN IN LATE 1974 AGAINST ARMY OFFICERS AND TO ENGAGE AN ARMED FORCE WHICH IN EFFECT HAS CHALLENGED THE ARMY IN ONE OF ARGENTINA'S PROVINCES.

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SUBJECT ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL DYNAMICS
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WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND
THE PERONIST PARTY (JUSTICIALIST PARTY)

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ARG.
SUMMARY. THE SUPPORTERS OF JOSE ALFREDO PEREZ REGA, SOCIAL
WELFARE MINISTER AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA
OF ARGENTINA

MARTINEZ DE PERON, WHO FOR THE MOST PART COMPRIZE THE
PRESIDENT'S INNER CIRCLE, ARE LOOKING BEYOND THE CURRENT
PRESIDENTIAL TERM AND ARE PLANNING FOR A CONTINUATION OF

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POWER, THROUGH PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON, AFTER THE 1977 ELECTIONS, AT PRESENT, THESE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVE THAT RIVAL FACTIONS WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT REPRESENT THE GREATEST THREAT TO THEIR AMBITIONS, PARTICULARLY THAT LED BY INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ROCAMORA AND DUILIO BRUNELLO, ARG, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JUSTICIALIST PARTY, THE LOPEZ REGA SUPPORTERS ALSO BELIEVE THAT RAUL CASTRI, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, HAS PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS AND VIEW HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH ROCAMORA, BRUNELLO AND RADICAL PARTY LEADERS WITH SUSPICION. THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA IS TRADITIONALLY REGARDED AS A MICROCOISM OF NATIONAL POLITICS; THUS, THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN ROCAMORA AND FEDERAL INTERVENTOR RAUL ACABANNE, WHO IS BEING SUPPORTED BY ARG, LOPEZ REGA, IS EXPECTED TO HAVE NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT PERONIST INFIGHTING. END SUMMARY.

1. A GREAT DEAL OF POLITICAL MANEUVERING AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THIS TIME BY INDIVIDUALS AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND WITHIN THE JUSTICIALIST (PERONIST) PARTY. THERE ARE TWO DIFFERING PREMISES UPON WHICH THE MANEUVERING AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING

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ARE BASED: A) THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT ONLY FINISH THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL TERM, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE POLITICAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY UPON BEING REELECTED IN 1977; AND B) THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL RESIGN HER POSITION BEFORE COMPLETING HER PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

2. THE SUPPORTERS OF JOSE LOPEZ REGA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO JOSE MARIA VILLONE, ^{ARG} PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT; CARLOS ALEJANDRO VILLONE, ^{ARG} DEPUTY OF LOPEZ REGA IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRY AND FIRST COUSIN TO JOSE MARIA VILLONE; RICARDO OTERO, ^{ARG} MINISTER OF LABOR; NORMA KENNEDY, ^{ABC} RIGHT-WING PERONIST LEADER; JULIO GONZALEZ, ^{ARG} TECHNICAL SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY; AND FRANCISCO VALVAREZ, ^{ARG} PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR; COMprise THE NUCLEUS OF THE SECTOR WHICH IS ANTICIPATING A SECOND TERM FOR PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON. THE LOPEZ REGA SUPPORTERS BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER SECTOR OF PERONISM, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA AND DUILIO BRUNELLO, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JUSTICIALIST PARTY, FORESEES THE POSSIBLE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO 1977 AND IS PREPARING CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SUCH AN EVENTUALITY. THE LOPEZ REGA

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SUPPORTERS VIEW THIS AS A LACK OF LOYALTY TO THE PRESIDENT,
AND IT IS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THIS FACTOR THAT LOPEZ REGA IS
INSISTING UPON THE DISMISSAL OF ROCAMORA AND BRUNELLO IN THE
NEAR FUTURE.

3. THE LOPEZ REGA SUPPORTERS BELIEVE THAT ROCAMORA,
BRUNELLO AND RAUL LASTIRI ARE PLAYING AN INTELLIGENT, ALBEIT
POLITICALLY DANGEROUS, GAME IN ATTEMPTING TO AMPLIFY THEIR
ARG BASES OF SUPPORT THROUGH DIALOGUE AND CONCESSIONS TO THE

~~THE RADICAL CIVIC UNION (UCR) PARTY~~ AND LEFT-WING SECTORS OF THE
PERONIST MOVEMENT. COMMENT: ROCAMORA'S DAUGHTER IS
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A MEMBER OF A RELIGIOUS ORDER, PARTICIPANTS IN ACTIVITIES OF

~~THE MOVEMENT OF THIRD WORLD PRIESTS~~, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE

~~THE REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY OF THE PERONIST YOUTH~~. ~~ARG~~ THUS, IT IS

CONSIDERED THAT ROCAMORA HAS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERSE
WITH LEFT-WING LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH HIS DAUGHTER.)

4. IT IS FURTHER BELIEVED THAT LASTIRI, WHO IS THE SON IN
LAW OF LOPEZ REGA, HAS PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS AND THAT HE IS
BEHIND THE EFFORTS BY ROCAMORA TO PERSUADE THE PRESIDENT TO
SEND A BILL TO CONGRESS TO MODIFY THE LAW OF PRESIDENTIAL
SUCCESSION. COMMENT: THE CURRENT LAW DESIGNATES THE

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PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL
SUCCESSOR TO THE PRESIDENT UPON THE ABSENCE OR DEATH OF BOTH
THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. ROCAMORA IS ATTEMPTING TO
CHANGE THE LAW AND HAVE THE NATIONAL CONGRESS DESIGNATE A
PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT FROM CONGRESS. UPON THE ABSENCE OR DEATH
OF BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.)

5. THE LOPEZ REGA SUPPORTERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LASTIRI,
WHO INITIALLY OWED HIS PROMINANCE ENTIRELY TO LOPEZ REGA, HAS
A GREAT DEAL OF ACCEPTANCE BY SEVERAL POWER SECTORS OF THE
COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE UCR AND THE ARMED FORCES.
AS A RESULT OF HIS PERFORMANCE AS PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT IN THE
PERIOD FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR
CAMPOERA IN JUNE 1973. THEY FEEL THAT LASTIRI IS TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF THE GROWING OPPOSITION TO LOPEZ REGA WITHIN THE
PERONIST MOVEMENT, LABOR, THE MILITARY AND OPPOSITION PARTIES
TO PRESENT HIMSELF AS A VIABLE POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE, SHOULD
FUTURE EVENTS CAUSE THE PRESIDENT TO RESIGN AND LEAVE THE
COUNTRY.

COMMENT:

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ARGENTINE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS HAVE BEEN
HESITANT TO PRESS THE PRESIDENT TO DISMISS LOPEZ REGA BECAUSE

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OF THE FEAR THAT HIS DEPARTURE WOULD ALSO RESULT IN THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY.)

6. WHILE THE SUPPORTERS OF LOPEZ REGA FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE EFFORTS OF LASTIRI, ROCAMORA, BRUNELLO, WHO ARE ALSO SUPPORTED BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE ANTONIO BENITEZ, WILL BE THWARTED ^{ARG.} BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER, THEY ARE NONTHELESS WATCHING THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA WITH GREAT INTEREST. TRADITIONALLY, POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CORDOBA ARE A MICROCOOSM OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN ROCAMORA AND FEDERAL INTERVENTOR LACABANNE. ROCAMORA IS DETERMINED TO FORCE LACABANNE TO RESIGN HIS POST, BUT THUS FAR LOPEZ REGA HAS BEEN

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ABLE TO PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURRING. IF LACABANNE IS ABLE TO RETAIN HIS POSITION OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF ROCAMORA, THE SUPPORTERS OF LOPEZ REGA WILL VIEW THIS AS AN INDICATION THAT ROCAMORA AND THE THRUST OF THE MODERATE PERONISTS CAN BE CONTAINED.

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COMMENT: THE ISSUE IN CORDOBA IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED THAN THE POLITICAL AND PERSONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ROCAMORA AND LACABANNE. THE PERONIST MOVEMENT IN THE PROVINCE IS EFFECTIVELY SPLIT BETWEEN THE RIGHT-WING ORTHODOX PERUNISTS, INCLUDING THE 62 PERONIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THE ~~REG~~ REGIONAL GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION (CGT), WHO ARE SUPPORTING LACABANNE AT THIS TIME, AND THE MODERATE PERONIST SECTOR WHICH IS SUPPORTING ROCAMORA AND THE JUSTICIALIST PARTY INTERVENTOR ARMANDO ~~CASAS~~ NOBLE G.A. ALSO, ARG, LACABANNE HAS MADE NUMEROUS, SERIOUS POLITICAL MISTAKES, WHICH HAVE SERVED TO ALIENATE MANY SECTORS OF THE PROVINCE. FOR THIS REASON IT IS JUDGED THAT HIS RESIGNATION WOULD NOT NECESSARILY SIGNIFY A ROCAMORA VICTORY OVER LOPEZ REGA. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CONTINUANCE OF LACABANNE IN HIS PRESENT POSITION WOULD PROBABLY REPRESENT A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE CONTINUED POWER AND INFLUENCE OF LOPEZ REGA.

7. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE FOREGOING INFORMATION REPRESENTS

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A VIEW OF THE POLITICAL EFFERVESCENCE WITHIN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT
ON A SOMEWHAT LIMITED SCOPE--ESSENTIALLY COVERING THE MANEUVERING
AND PLANS BY THAT SECTOR OF ORTHODOX PERONISM WHICH IS UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF LOPEZ REGA, AS WELL AS THE PURPORTED ACTIVITIES OF ^{ARG}
MODERATE PERONISTS. IT DOES NOT TREAT THE POSITION OF THE ^{ARG}~~PERONIST~~
LABOR MOVEMENT IN THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN LOPEZ REGA AND ROCAMORA,
NOR DOES IT DISCUSS WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, ECONOMY MINISTER
~~ALFREDO GOMEZ MORALES~~ ^{ARG} MIGHT PLAY IN THE INFIGHTING.
HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION DOES GIVE SOME INDICATION THAT MODERATE
PERONISTS ARE MAKING INITIAL PREPARATIONS FOR AN ORDERLY TRANSFER
OF POWER, SHOULD SUCH A POSSIBILITY BECOME NECESSARY PRIOR TO 1977.)

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SUBJECT : X FORMATION OF NEW RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS: }
AND INTENTION OF THESE GROUPS TO FINANCE THEIR } ARG
ACTIVITIES BY ILLEGAL MEANS

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1. ON 20 FEBRUARY 1975 COMMISSIONER MAJOR EDUARDO PEDRO

ARE

RAMIREZ, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR POLITICAL-

SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR FEDERAL SECURITY (FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE).

IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING A NUMBER OF

SECRET COUNTERTERRORIST GROUPS TO UNDERTAKE ACTIONS AGAINST

LEFTIST LEADERS IN ARGENTINA, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE PEOPLE'S

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REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). [REDACTED] NO ACTIVE DUTY

FEDERAL POLICE OFFICER WOULD PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE
ACTIONS OF THE GROUP. INSTEAD, [REDACTED] EO25x1 HE INTENDS TO USE

MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION COMMAND /COMANDO DE ORGANIZACION,

ARG-

C DE O), A RIGHT-WING PERONIST GROUP WHICH IS LED BY PERONIST
NATIONAL DEPUTY ALBERTO X BRITO LIMA. [REDACTED]

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ARG LEADER OF ORGANIZATION COMMAND
[REDACTED] IMPRESSED BY THE VAST AMOUNT OF INTELLIGENCE

EO25x1 INFORMATION WHICH THE C DE O HAS ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES AND
THAT THIS INFORMATION COULD BE USED TO MOUNT A NUMBER OF
OPERATIONS.

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2.

OFFICER MAJOR JUAN ALEJANDRO

XPOCINA WOULD HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECTING
THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW GROUPS. CHIEF OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND OF THE
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF POLITICAL-SOCIAL AFFAIRS
COORDINATION BETWEEN THE GROUPS AND POCINA WILL BE HANDLED

BY TWO SECRET SERVICE OFFICERS WHO ARE KNOWN AS ALIAS "PAJARO"
AND ALIAS "SANGRE." [REDACTED] EO25x1 COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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EO25x1 POCINA HOLDS THE MOST SENIOR RANK IN FEDERAL

POLICE SECRET SERVICE. WHEN FEDERAL SECURITY WAS REORGANIZED
IN JANUARY 1975, HE WAS NAMED CHIEF OF THE INTELLIGENCE

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COMMAND OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR POLITICAL-SOCIAL AFFAIRS. IN THIS POSITION, POCINA SUPERVISES THE UNDERCOVER TEAMS USED BY ALL DEPARTMENTS IN FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE. HE REPORTS DIRECTLY TO RAMIREZ.)

3. [REDACTED] ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUPS TO BE FORMED WILL RECEIVE SETS OF FALSE DOCUMENTS WHICH CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY THEM AS MEMBERS OF ANY OF THE ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, OR AS MEMBERS OF THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE FOREGOING SERVICES OFTEN USE FALSE FEDERAL POLICE DOCUMENTATION WHILE CARRYING OUT ILLEGAL OPERATIONS; [REDACTED]

4. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FUNDS TO OPERATE THE NEW GROUPS, [REDACTED] PLANS TO CARRY RAIDS ON SEVERAL LARGE ILLEGAL MONEY CHANGERS IN BUENOS AIRES AND SEIZE THEIR OPERATING CAPITAL. ONE-HALF OF THE MONEY OBTAINED IN THIS FASHION IS TO BE USED FOR OPERATING EXPENSES--WEAPONS, SAFE SITES, VEHICLES, ETC.--AND ONE-HALF WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OFFICERS INVOLVED. SINCE MONEY SPECULATION IS ILLEGAL, [REDACTED] DOES NOT

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ANTICIPATE A FORMAL PROTEST BY THE MONEY CHANGERS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COULD NOT DISCARD THE POSSIBILITY OF

ABDUCTING UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESSMEN FOR RANSOM AS ANOTHER

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MEANS TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR HIS GROUPS. [REDACTED] THE

50-50 SPLIT WOULD ALSO BE UTILIZED IN SUCH ABDUCTIONS FOR

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RANSOM. [REDACTED] COMMENT: RAMIREZ IS PROBABLY SINCERE IN HIS

DESIRE TO COMBAT LEFTIST TERRORISTS EXTRAOFFICIALLY; HOWEVER,

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE ALSO DESIRES TO GAIN A LARGE PERSONAL

PROFIT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MORE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED

FOR FUND RAISING PURPOSES THAT TO COMBAT LEFT-WING TERRORISTS.)

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FEDERAL INTERVENTOR OF CORDUBA AND THE MINISTER
OF INTERIOR; MANEUVERING BY JOSE LOPEZ REGACJ
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CARLOS ALEJANDRO VILLONE,

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SECRETARY FOR COORDINATION AND SOCIAL PROMOTION WITHIN THE
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, REC-52 109-10-201-2909MR. A CABANNE, FEDERAL INTERVENTOR (ADMINISTRATOR) OF
THE PROVINCE OF CORDUBA, TO ADVISE HIM OF THE LATEST DEVELOP-
MENTS IN HIS CURRENT STRUGGLE TO RETAIN HIS POSITION.

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INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ROCAMORA HAD REQUESTED THE

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IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF LACABANNE AS FEDERAL INTERVENTOR, A
MOTION THAT WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED BY X JOSE LOPEZ REGA,
SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

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LOPEZ REGA POINTED OUT THAT LACABANNE HAD ACCOMPLISHED A
GREAT DEAL IN REDUCING THE GUERRILLA THREAT IN THE PROVINCE
OF CORDOBA AND THAT HE DID NOT DESERVE TO BE "THROWN TO THE
WOLVES OF THE RADICAL PARTY.". PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA
MARTINEZ SUPPORTED THE POSITION OF LOPEZ REGA AND
SAID THAT LACABANNE WOULD NOT BE RELIEVED OF HIS POSITION FOR
THE TIME BEING.

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IF ROCAMORA DOES NOT AGREE TO THE MEETING, LACABANNE
[Redacted] TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES [Redacted] WHEN

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PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM
HER VISIT TO BARILUCHE, AND PRESENT HIS RESIGNATION AS

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FEDERAL INTERVENTOR, EXPLAINING IN FULL DETAIL HIS DIFFICULTIES
WITH THE INTERIOR MINISTER.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT ACCEPT LACABANNE'S RESIGNATION AND WILL
CRITICIZE ROCAMORA'S FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH LACABANNE'S
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

ROCAMORA
IS ATTEMPTING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH RICARDO B ALBINO
OF THE RADICAL CIVIC UNION (UCR) AND, FOR THIS REASON, LOPEZ
REGA WILL MAKE AN EFFURT TO BRING ABOUT HIS REMOVAL FROM THE
CABINET.

COMMENT: [redacted]

LACABANNE MADE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES ON 12 OR 13
FEBRUARY.

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3. [redacted] COMMENT: [redacted] INTERIOR MINISTER

ROCAMORA MADE SEVERAL INTERESTING DECLARATIONS TO THE PRESS
CONCERNING INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTERS. IN RESPONSE TO A
QUESTION RELATING TO THE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT HAS IN LACABANNE, ROCAMORA SAID THAT CONFIDENCE
IS A RELATIVE THING AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HE SAID THAT THE
GOVERNMENT IS NOT THINKING OF REMOVING LACABANNE AT THIS TIME,
BUT THERE WERE MANY ASPECTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA WHICH
CAUSE CONCERN. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN

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BALBIN AND THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT BEEN ARRANGED BUT THAT IT
COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME.)

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